

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/993,331

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

GEIDL ET AL.

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 11, 13-18, and 20-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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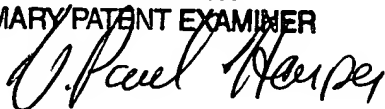
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

V. PAUL HARPER
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER



DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Dodd on 3/27/2007. The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claim 14.

Replace "1" in line 1 of claim 20 with – 15 –.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-7, 11, 13, 15-18, and 20-32 are allowed over prior art of record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Lucas et al. (US 6834264) disclose an apparatus for filling documents having multiple fields using speech. The apparatus comprises receiving an indication of a field descriptor of a first field in document, receiving dictated speech to be entered into the first field, recognizing and writing recognized text representative of the dictated speech to the first field, and writing the transcribed text to other fields having the same descriptor in each of the other selected plurality of documents. Lucas et al. fail to specifically disclose an act of calling a field signature engine to obtain a field signature for the input field; determining,

external to the executing program, the context of the input field; an act of receiving a field signature for the input field from the field signature engine, the field signature representing the context of the input field, the field signature having been constructed from an analysis of the attributes of the input field; an act of using the field signature as a key to query a field mapping database for a factoid for the represented context; an act of receiving a factoid from the field mapping database, the factoid containing contextual rules to more accurately recognize that natural input data; an act of using the factoid as a key to query a user bias database for user bias data; an act of receiving using bias data that can be used to further refine the recognition of the natural input data, within the represented context and in combination with the contextual rules, to more accurately recognize that natural data input. Furthermore, it would have not been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Lucas et al. in order to obtain the claimed invention. Therefore, claims 1-7, 11, 13, 15-18, and 20-32 are allowed over prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huyen X. Vo whose telephone number is 571-272-7631. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on 571-272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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